

FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Mediation Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,909	9,147	238	2.7%
Kent County	3,092	2,577	-515	-16.7%
Sussex County	3,739	3,350	-389	-10.4%
State	15,740	15,074	-666	-4.2%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Mediation Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,706	9,159	-547	-5.6%
Kent County	3,122	2,572	-550	-17.6%
Sussex County	3,643	3,464	-179	-4.9%
State	16,471	15,195	-1,276	-7.7%

Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2007

1. Mediation is a process prior to adjudication in which a trained mediator attempts to assist the parties in reaching an agreement in disputes which involve child custody, support, visitation, guardianships, imperiling family relations, and rules to show cause. Mediation is mandatory in child custody, visitation, and support matters.
2. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the matter is scheduled to be heard before a commissioner or a judge.

Note: Mediation data was reported as Arbitration data in previous fiscal years.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts